

BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY FSA OFFICE

JULY 1, 2008

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

THE NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) IS INSURANCE YOU PURCHASE THROUGH THIS OFFICE THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS OF NONINSURABLE CROPS WHEN LOW YIELDS, LOSS OF INVENTORY, OR PREVENTED PLANTING OCCURS DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER.

FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE 2008 NAP

Garlic, Onions, Sod Grass	Sept. 1, 2008
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CCC-576 NOTICE OF LOSS FILING REQUIREMENT-NAP

If a natural disaster occurs and you purchased NAP insurance, a notice of loss **MUST** be filed on a CCC-576, **within 15 calendar days** after the:

- Latter of the occurrence of prevented planting or the end of the planting period.
- Disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer.
- An appraisal must be completed prior to destroying the crop or putting the crop to another use. Contact this office for an appraisal.
- If you have NAP coverage on **NATIVE GRASS**, production loss must be over 50% and **you must file a notice of loss within 15 days after the first freeze**
- For **Bernalillo County**, First Fall Freeze is October 18th. Notice of Loss **must be filed by Nov. 1st**.
- For **Sandoval County**, First Fall Freeze is September 29th. Notice of Loss **must be filed by Oct 12th**.

NAP YIELD UPDATE

Production records for individual crops need to be filed to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide prior years' production and acreage to establish a yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up to date.

Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. ***All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.*** If production records are not available, county average yields will be used.

BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY OFFICE DAY

REMINDER: The Office Day for the Bernalillo-Sandoval County FSA Office is as follows:

Every Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. This will be accomplished by appointment only. Please call at 505-761-5441 to make an appointment.

LANDOWNERS, WILDLIFE IN BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES OFFERED OPPORTUNITY

New Mexico Landowners with property that will benefit from wildlife habitat improvements are being encouraged by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to visit NRCS's

Albuquerque Field Office. The agency is signing up interested landowners in anticipation of future funding.

Because the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) has continuous sign-up there is no deadline for submittal of applications. However, the earlier the sign-up the better. To be considered for funding in 2008 a landowner must apply by June 27 this year. Applications received after that date will be considered in 2009.

If selected for a contract a landowner can receive financial assistance up to 50% of cost for project improvements. There are an array of conservation practices that can benefit wildlife habitat including development of water resources, food source improvements, and cover enhancement.

For more information contact Josh Sherman, District Conservationist, at 505-761-5444, or the Field Office Staff at 505-761-5445, 505-761-4499 or 505-761-4982.

COC MEETING

4th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Date	Time
July 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
August 27, 2008	10:00 a.m.
September 24, 2008	10:00 a.m.
October 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.
November 26, 2008	10:00 a.m.
*December 6, 2008	10:00 a.m.

* Indicates change in meeting date due to Ballot Tabulation

DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP DEADLINE

JULY 18, 2008 IS THE DEADLINE to Sign-up for the Livestock Compensation Program and the Livestock Indemnity Program. If you have not applied for these Disaster Programs, eligible ranchers and other livestock producers should apply as soon as possible.

2008 WOOL & MOHAIR PRODUCTION



Are you preparing to shear your livestock? Will you sell, trade, give away, or process your 2008 fiber immediately after shearing? If so, stop in the office and apply for an LDP. Request to sign a CCC-633EZ form. **You must request the LDP before the LDP payment can be issued. For 2008, you can request the LDP now and next year when you lose beneficial interest, you can bring in your sales slip for payment.** You will receive the LDP rate in effect on the day your receipt indicates you transferred control or processed your fiber. If you will maintain interest in your wool or mohair for a period of time after shearing, you have the option of selecting the day you want to apply for an LDP. Unshorn pelts are also eligible for LDP.

CERTIFICATION DATES

Spring seeded crop certification dates have been extended through August 15th.

Ranchers – You must also certify your rangeland acreage. If you purchased NAP coverage, the rangeland acres must be reported 15 calendar days before the onset of grazing. New Mexico native grass crop year begins March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. Therefore, if you graze your pasture all year, you should have certified by February 15th or pay a late fee. If you do not graze year around, you must certify 15 days before you graze.

If you did not purchase NAP insurance, the final date to certify native grass has also been extended to August 15th.

Attention Producers: New producers that apply for EQUIP with NRCS should certify planted crops and rangeland acres even though you are not currently participating in FSA programs. Certification is required for all programs administered by FSA, in order to acquire a Planting History. Producers with active farms should certify your crops every year in order to maintain your Planting History and to be eligible for FSA programs.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, from individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

DIGITIZING CLU'S

New Mexico will be converting all of the aerial maps in the county offices into digital images. Tract, Farm, and Field boundaries will form a digitized layer that is referred to as Common Land Unit or CLU. This digitized layer is part of the USDA's GIS (Geographical Information Systems) project. The farm tract and boundaries will be placed over satellite imagery, using special GIS software. The resulting image will show these boundaries for the entire county.

After the county is digitized, FSA will carefully review the CLU layer to make sure the fields are outlined correctly and the acreages are accurate. All edits and changes will be made to the digital layer and the paper maps will no longer be maintained. As part of the review process, each owner and operator will receive maps of all of their tracts. The maps will include field numbers and acreage. Once you receive these maps in the mail you have 30 days to contact the office and notify us of any changes.

Eventually all crop reporting, compliance, and other programs will be conducted electronically using GIS and the CLU layer. In addition, the maps will eventually be linked to the e-authentication application, which will enable producers to view their map on-line.

HOLIDAY

The Agricultural Service Center will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2008, in observance of Independence Day.

TV CONVERTER BOX COUPON PROGRAM

If you have a TV in your home that works with the help of "rabbit ears" or a "rooftop antenna" you need to take action sometime before February 17, 2009, so you can continue to receive programs after that date. The Federal government is offering US households up to two \$40 coupons to help pay for the cost of a certified converter box. Any TV connected to cable, satellite, or other pay services do not need a converter box to receive programs after February 17, 2009.

To obtain a coupon you can apply as follows:

ONLINE – www.DTV2009.gov

BY PHONE – 1-888-388-2009

Deaf or hard of hearing callers:

1-877-530-2634 TTY – English

1-877-495-1161 TTY – Spanish

BY MAIL – P.O. Box 2000

Portland, Or. 97208

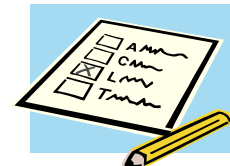
BY FAX – 1-877-DTV-4ME2

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominating Petitions will be accepted through August 1, 2008. Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by close of business on August 1st or postmarked by midnight the same day.

Elections will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) # 3, which covers all lands East of the Rio Grande to include the town of Bernalillo, Placitas, and extending through all the Pueblos as far North as Cochiti Pueblo in Sandoval County. LAA #4, which covers the area west of the Rio Grande in Sandoval County to include Corrales, Ponderosa, Cabezón, San Ysidro, Jemez Springs, and Jemez Pueblo.

NOMINATE A CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE BY AUGUST 1ST.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)
COMMITTEE ELECTION**

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or print Nominee's Full Name)		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.		5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		6A. COUNTY
		6B. LAA NO.
		7. STATE
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	4B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE**VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES:** The following information is requested by the Federal

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

ITEM 1 Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:

- A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
- B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
- C. Willing to serve if elected.




ITEM 2 Enter the nominee's current address.**ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.**ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.**ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.**ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1.**

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for County FSA Committee.

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<p>County Committee: Annie Sandoval, Chairperson Estolano Griego, Vice-Chairperson Larry Trujillo, Member David Montoya, Member Elfego Aranda, Member</p>			<p>FSA Office Staff: BARBARA J ZELLERS, CED CONSUELO CORDOVA, PT Office Hours Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm</p> 
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<p>Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in a meeting/event/function at the Los Lunas Service Center, should contact Barbara J. Zellers (barbara.zellers@n.m.usda.gov) by email or telephone, 505-761-5441 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, two days prior to the day of event so accommodations can be prepared.</p>			